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## **JOPLIN WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MISLEADING OFFICER**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the wife of a defendant who was a fugitive from justice pleaded guilty in federal court today to misleading a law enforcement officer.

**Candi L. Raifsnider**, 42, of Joplin, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to a federal information that charges her with tampering with a witness by not disclosing the identity of a fugitive. Under the terms of today's plea agreement, the original Aug. 17, 2005, indictment for the criminal conduct in this case will be dismissed at the time of **Candi Raifsnider's** sentencing.

**Candi Raifsnider** is the wife of **Edward Raifsnider**, who pleaded guilty to a separate indictment on Sept. 1, 2005, to illegally possessing firearms. **Edward Raifsnider** was a fugitive at the time that indictment was returned, Graves said, with a warrant for his arrest for violation of supervised release pending since the summer of 2002. During the time he was a fugitive, Graves said, **Edward Raifsnider** reportedly passed at least \$530,000 in counterfeit checks in several states.

On Jan. 11, 2003, **Edward Raifsnider** was stopped for speeding on Highway 37 north of Purdy, Mo., by a Highway Patrol trooper. **Edward Raifsnider**, who was traveling with **Candi Raifsnider** and two children, provided an Oklahoma's driver's permit with the fictional identity of Larry E. Killion. A pistol was seized from the glove box during that traffic stop and **Edward Raifsnider** was placed under arrest and booked into the Barry County jail. However, he made bond and absconded before a fingerprint comparison revealed that Larry E. Killion was, in fact, the fugitive **Edward Raifsnider**.

By pleading guilty today, **Candi Raifsnider** admitted that she engaged in misleading conduct toward the state trooper during the traffic stop by concealing **Edward Raifsnider's** false identity as Larry E. Killion and by concealing that she was not the fiancé of Larry E. Killion. This

was done with the intent to prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer of information relating to a violation of Edward Raifsnider's supervised release.

Under federal statutes, **Candi Raifsnider** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Marshal Service, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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